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D. A. R. ELECTION IS NOW BETWEEN TWO CANDIDATES

Mrs. Lippitt Announces
Withdrawal From
the Race.

FIRST BALLOT IS FUTILE

Second One Now in Progress.
Mrs. McLean's Friends
Hopeful.

THE FIRST BALLOT.

Mrs. Donald McLean, of New York 342
Mrs. George M. Sternberg, of the District of Columbia, 201
Mrs. Charles W. Lippitt, of Rhode Island, 164
Necessary to a choice, 354.

Chaos and pandemonium vied with Mrs. Fairbanks for control of today's session of the fourteenth Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, assembled in Continental Hall, on the corner of Seventh and C streets northwest. The report of the tellers was received, which showed that a second ballot was necessary for an election, and this second ballot is now being taken. The result will be known late this afternoon, and the indications are that Mrs. Donald McLean, of New York, will be elected president general. The election of various other national officers was announced this morning.

In the heat of campaigning several of the daughters fell outside parliamentary courtesy in their conduct, but these troubles were passed over lightly in their anxiety over the chances of their candidates. No sooner did the second ballot begin than the workers of Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Sternberg began redoubling their efforts of yesterday. It was announced that Mrs. Lippitt, who ran third, wished to withdraw her name. This throws the fight squarely between Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Sternberg.

Mrs. McLean has but twelve votes to get to have a majority, and her adherents claim that they will get that number easily out of the 164 that went for Mrs. Lippitt yesterday. At 12:50 it was announced that the Pennsylvania delegation would go solid for Mrs. McLean. This delegation was divided yesterday.

Yesterday's Balloting.

Early this morning the official announcement of the results of yesterday's balloting for national officers was announced. It was with difficulty that the president general, Mrs. Charles Warren Fairbanks, could maintain order and the proceedings of the session were frequently interrupted by demonstrations in favor of one candidate or another or disputes over the method of procedure. Mrs. Fairbanks did well, however, especially in view of the fact that the feeling of every daughter in the building was intense. When Mrs. McElroy Avery, chairman of the tellers, announced the vote pandemonium broke loose as the name of Mrs. McLean was read at the head of the list of candidates. The vote for Mrs. McLean was 342; for Mrs. Sternberg, 201; for Mrs. Lippitt, 164. Mrs. McLean's name was greeted with uproarious applause, while the names of the other candidates received small notice in comparison. The total vote cast was 707, of which 7 were blanks. Mrs. Avery announced that the legal vote cast was 700 and that 354 were necessary for election. This leaves Mrs. McLean but twelve votes to get on the next ballot.

Tellers Worked All Night.

In her report of last night's work Mrs. Avery said the tellers had worked all night and, after the ballots had been counted they had been locked in a box, which was brought to the hall this morning. The greatest care had been observed to insure fairness, said Mrs. Avery, and she was sure that everything had been fair. The box was then in the ante-room, but as everyone knew from her announcement that a second ballot was necessary, she would destroy the votes, which were dead paper.

The second ballot was then ordered.

Ten vice presidents general elected.

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THE WEATHER REPORT.

Rain is indicated for the next thirty-six hours in the lower lake region, upper Ohio valley, lower Mississippi valley, and Middle Atlantic States on Friday.

It will be colder Friday in the lake region and the Ohio valley.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m.	57
12 noon	57
1 p. m.	57
2 p. m.	56

DOWNTOWN TEMPERATURE.

2 p. m.	58
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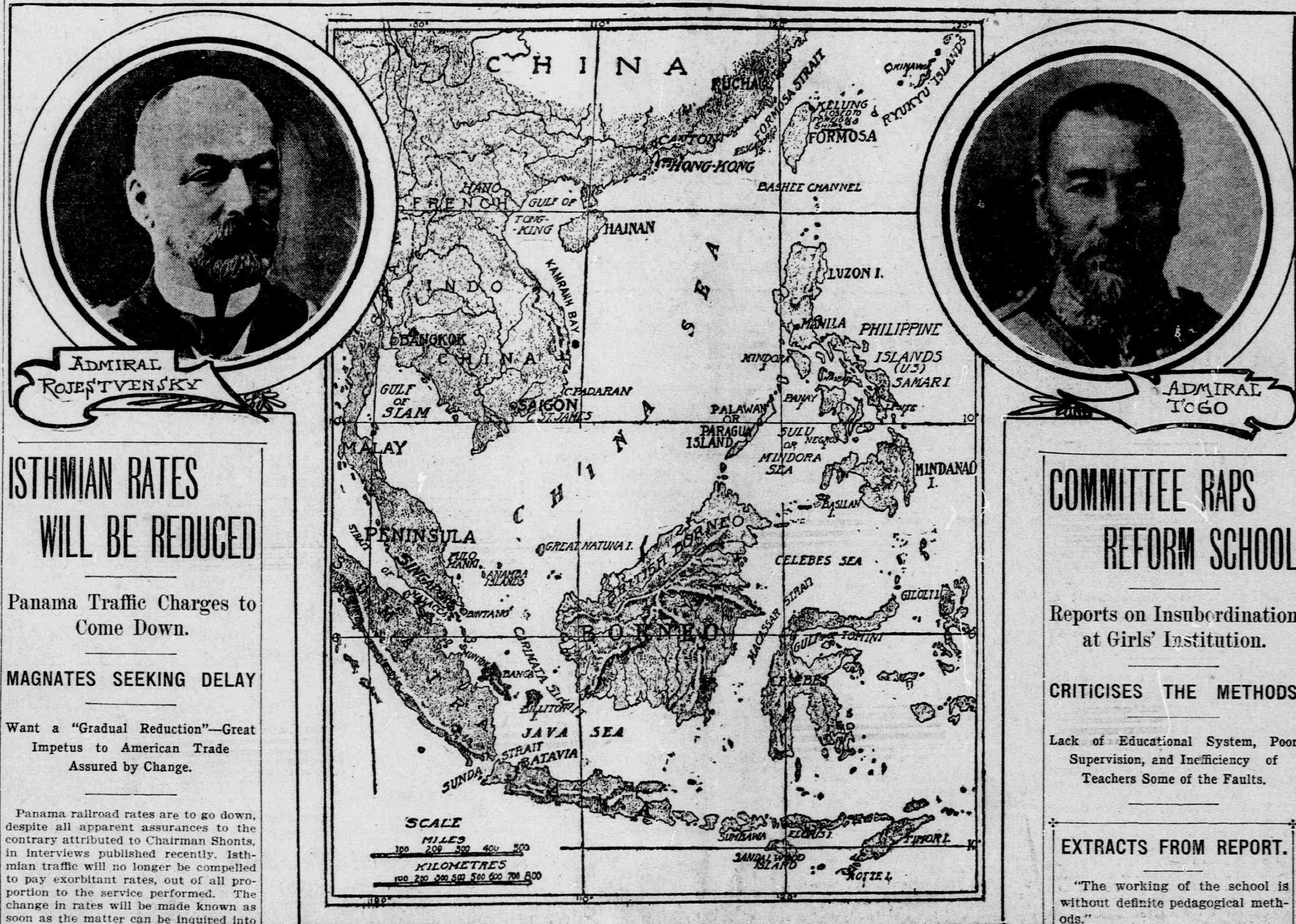
THE SUN.

Sun sets today 6:41
Sun rises tomorrow 5:37

TIDE TABLE.

Low tide today	3:11 p. m.
High tide today	9:01 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow	3:25 a. m.
High tide tomorrow	9:22 a. m.

WHERE RUSSIA'S AND JAPAN'S FIGHTING FLEETS ARE NOW MANEUVERING, AND KAMRANH BAY, THE FRENCH INDO-CHINA PORT WHICH ADMIRAL ROJEVSTVENSKY HAS MADE A NAVAL BASE



ISTHMIAN RATES WILL BE REDUCED

Panama Trade Charges to
Come Down.

MAGNATES SEEKING DELAY

Want a "Gradual Reduction"—Great
Impetus to American Trade
Assured by Change.

Panama railroad rates are to go down, despite all apparent assurances to the contrary attributed to Chairman Shonts. In interviews published recently, Isthmian traffic will no longer be compelled to pay exorbitant rates, out of all proportion to the service performed. The change in rates will be made known as soon as the matter can be inquired into fully enough to revise the existing schedules in an equitable manner.

This may be considered the first development of the governmental control of the Panama railroad property. Its accomplishment will be due to the termination of President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft to give transisthmian shippers a square deal and to bring trade to this country from South and Central America instead of driving it away to European ports through a continuation of the excessive rates now in force for transit from Panama to Colon. Although the distance is only forty-two miles, the railroad charge is now practically one-third of the entire land-and-water total cost. Hereafter it will be only half enough to insure a fair return, say 6 per cent, on the investment.

Question Has Been Settled.

Transcontinental railroad representatives have been apprehensive about the intentions of the new officials who have taken up the direction of affairs on the Isthmus and have been making inquiries about the Government's plan for running the railroad. According to report, they have asked that the reduction of rates if any, be made gradual, in order that the transcontinental roads will not be disturbed in their traffic arrangements.

Present indications, however, are that the Government will not feel justified in temporizing over the matter. If the rates are too high, they are wrong and ought to be corrected and put on an equitable basis, it is held by officials, and not be made only half-way right. Chairman Shonts was quoted first as saying there would be no reduction of rates at all, and then that the subject had not yet been taken up. It can be said upon authority, however, that the rate question has been settled and that the reduction will be made.

Pleasing to Diplomats.

The prospective reduction will be hailed with delight by the seven South and Central American republics, which presented to Secretary Taft last week, through their diplomatic representatives here, a statement showing the relative cost of transportation across the isthmus and around the Horn by an all-sea route.

At present goods from the west coast of South America can be imported into this country more cheaply after transshipment through Liverpool, Havre, or Hamburg to New York than to the last-named port direct by way of Panama. Although they are carried over 11,000 miles by way of Magellan, the expense is from 25 to 30 per cent cheaper than by using the Panama Railroad as a part of a route only 4,500 miles long.

Officials recognize the fact that this gives Europe an advantage not only in buying South American products, such as Peruvian sugar, Ecuadorian cocoa, Bolivian tin, and Chilean nitrate, but in sending back foreign manufactured goods when this country could supply the whole southern trade more quickly, efficiently, and cheaply. The Panama barrier of high rates once broken down, thus the demands of American manufacturers will be heeded and the rates will be reduced.

As for the transcontinental roads, confining their present rates, it is likely that their control of the steamship lines from Panama to San Francisco can be made the means of continuing their present rates. Whatever is taken off the Isthmian railroad charges can be added to the Pacific charge.

HOLDS THE FORT OVER TEN HOURS

Keeps Crowd at Bay With
Shotgun.

THEN COMMITS SUICIDE

Wounded Several Men—Sarcoski
Hunted by Police for Shooting
at Wife and Babe.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., April 20.—Barri- cading himself in the upper story of a tenement at Minersville, to escape officers of the law who were trying to take him in custody for shooting at and attempting to kill his wife Agnes and their two-year-old babe, Joseph Sarcoski, aged thirty-five years, held a crowd numbering several hundred at bay from before 7 o'clock last evening until 5:45 o'clock this morning.

Wounds Several in Crowd.

He fired many shots from a window at which he kept his long vigil, wounding several persons in the crowd. Then, in final desperation, having boasted he would not be taken alive, he committed suicide by turning his weapon on himself.

The cause of the attempt which he made upon the life of his wife and child was a quarrel over the payment of the rent. The wife had given him \$5 with which to make a settlement for the month's rent, and instead he spent it for drink and came home rum crazed. When his wife expostulated with him, he drew a .32-caliber revolver and fired upon her while she was walking the floor with the child in her arms. Happily the bullet missed its mark and was imbedded in the wall.

Wife Fled to Neighbors.

Overcome with remorse the husband tried to get his wife to refrain from telling the authorities of what he had done. Instead she took her baby and fled to the neighbors.

He nailed shut the door of his apartment and from an upper window he shot at the crowd which had gathered. He used up two boxes of cartridges. Bursting through the barricade, after some difficulty, officers found that the man had committed suicide by shooting himself through the stomach.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return, \$1.25. Pennsylvania Railroad, Saturday and Sunday; tickets good on all trains except Congressional Limited, and good for return until Sunday night.—Adv.

BOARD CONVICTS TWO POLICEMEN

Finds Hoffman and Laegar
Guilty of Gambling.

DISMISSAL RECOMMENDED

Outcome of a Game of "Crap" Played
at the Seventh Street Pre-
cinct Station.

Privates P. A. Hoffman and G. H. Laegar, of the Metropolitan police force, were found guilty of gambling in the Seventh precinct police station by the police trial board and recommended for dismissal.

Commissioners West, Macfarland, and Biddle today in turn approved the findings of the board.

Charles were filed against the two privates April 4, and the trial was held on April 7 and 11. The verdict of the trial board was presented to Commissioner West yesterday and he read the testimony in full before making his recommendation.

The officers were implicated in the trouble at the Georgetown precinct. They were charged with playing "crap" on the third floor of the station house at various times during the fall and winter and upon examination denying, under oath, that they had participated in any game of chance at any time. The case excited a great deal of interest in police circles.

Twenty Dollar Games.

One witness testified that he heard the defendants start the game for a quarter, and that they kept doubling the bets until they were playing for \$20 notes.

The testimony shows that Mr. Laegar lost two \$20 games and then a \$10 game. Then he borrowed \$30 from Mr. Hoffman, saying he had not paid his board bill yet. Hoffman said to a fellow-officer that he had won his whole month's wages, \$75.

One witness was asked whether he knew a game of crap when he saw it. He replied: "They were rolling the bones." "Couldn't they roll bones without shooting crap?" "Anybody that rolls bones is shooting crap."

Officer Hoffman denied on the witness stand ever having participated in a crap game at the precinct station. He said he knew a crap game when he saw it and ventured the opinion that he wouldn't be on the police force if he didn't.

It is so easy to take Piso's Cure, for a cough, and be relieved and cured. 25c.—Adv.

HYDE NOT TO QUIT VICE PRESIDENCY

Declines to Accede to the
Agents' Demand.

COWARDLY AND DISGRACEFUL

Committee Waits Upon Him in His
Home—Promises to Write
More Fully.

NEW YORK, April 20.—James Hazen Hyde, first vice president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and chief owner of the society's stock, enjoyed this morning, as an after-breakfast sensation, the strange thrill of being asked to "voluntarily resign the vice presidency" of his own company.

The request was made by the agents' committee of five, appointed at the meeting of the general agents yesterday, for this purpose, at the Savoy Hotel. They presented themselves at the home of Mr. Hyde, who received the committee by appointment.

Mr. Hyde declined most politely, declaring such an action on his part would be "cowardly and disgraceful." The committee retired with Mr. Hyde's answer, and reported to the meeting of the agents at the Savoy Hotel.

Had Stage Fright.

The committee, carefully groomed and weighted down with responsibility, entered Mr. Hyde's drawing room at exactly 9:30 o'clock. Some members labored under ill-suppressed stage fright. There was a great amount of tugging at stubborn cuffs and a general adjusting of neckties.

The committee of five composed Joseph Bowes, of Baltimore; W. J. Roddy, of South Carolina; Frank C. Levy, of New Orleans; Charles Jerome Edwards, of Brooklyn; and Charles Wake, of New York. The committee was accompanied by a lawyer.

Mr. Hyde, who had just concluded a short conference with Charles Alexander and W. C. Gulliver, part of his personal counsel, did not keep the committee waiting a second, but greeted them in the drawing room.

SENATOR PLATT HAS ABSCESS IN HIS LUNG

WASHINGTON, Conn., April 20.—At 1 p. m. Dr. Ford said:

"After examining the condition of the patient he decided there is an abscess in the right lung, which is the cause of the unfavorable turn of the disease. The prognosis is, therefore, about as unfavorable as it could be."

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS STILL AT ANCHOR IN KAMRANH BAY

French Admiral Takes
Steps to Insure Neu-
trality.

CABLED FROM SAIGON

France Has Assured Japan
of Its Friendly Inten-
tions.

SAIGON, Cochinchina, April 20.—The Baltic fleet is still in Kamranh bay. Admiral de Jonquieres, commanding the French vessels in this region, has taken every step to insure the neutrality of France while the vessels remain in these waters.

Japan Makes Protest; France Gives Assurances

PARIS, April 20.—Your correspondent learns from an unofficial source that while Japan has not officially protested to France against the alleged violation of neutrality in Indo-Chinese waters, nevertheless, Dr. Motono, the Japanese representative, profited by yesterday's diplomatic reception to allude to the question of neutrality in Indo-China in a conversation with M. Delcasse, the minister of foreign affairs.

M. Delcasse, the minister of foreign affairs, replied courteously. He said the information asked for would be furnished although it will require some time to obtain the facts and date.

No Protest at Tokyo.

The foreign office informs your correspondent that the French ambassador at Tokyo has not received any protest from Japan.

An attache of the department said today:

"We have not been advised of the prolonged stay of the Russians in Indo-Chinese waters. According to what news has been received it appears they left there three days ago, having remained less than forty-eight hours. "It ought to be observed we have never subscribed to the English rule limiting the stay of vessels to twenty-four hours. Recently the Japanese lingered along the Annam coast while making soundings and we notified them to leave. Were the Russians to do likewise our attitude would have to be the same."

Some Isolated Position.

"It is just possible the Russians selected some deserted point along the coast, or a place which is not connected by telegraph with French centers. Under such circumstances where news must be sent by courier it sometimes requires eight or ten days for it to reach the authorities who transmit it to Paris. Therefore, even if true that the Russian's are still there, we should be impossible for us to know it, or to take any action."

"The Japanese apparently profited by this condition of affairs, using deserted points along the islands as a base. Holland ignoring their actions until long afterwards."

"All we can say at present is that we are determined to act with fairness, and not to sanction any violations of neutrality."

France Is Innocent.

In the chamber of deputies Premier Rouvier said the government is doing everything necessary to assure the maintenance of neutrality in the Far East.

The salient point of the debate was that France was unwilling to follow any policy likely to result in an armed conflict.

A prolonged stay by Admiral Rojevstvensky in French waters in the Far East is not apprehended, and, although no news has been received on the subject in the last day or two, the departure of the Baltic fleet from Kamranh bay is believed imminent if it has not already taken place.

Rojevstvensky Defied Orders.

At Madagascar the admiral refused to assume the responsibility of obeying the Russian government's order that he leave Madagascar waters before he was ready. In fact, he positively disregarded the orders the Russian government issued on pressing representations from France.

He is not likely, however, to repeat the offense in this instance, where it might entail grave international consequences. There is no doubt that this has been made clear to him in recent instructions.

Should he fail to comply with them means will no doubt be found to bring home to him the understanding that such momentous issues are not to be trifled with."

Japan Protests.

TOKYO, April 20.—It is stated that Japan has made a strong protest to France against the Baltic fleet staying at Kamranh bay, French Indo-China. It is strongly felt here that France is actively assisting the Russians within what is practically the zone of hostilities. The expected advent of the third Russian squadron into the China Sea in about a week strengthens the opinion that the situation is one of exceeding gravity so far as French neutrality is concerned.

Small's Easter Flowers.

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